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## Fahd meets Japanese delegate

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Sunday received Sunao Sonoda, the special envoy of Japan's prime minister. The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. Sonoda arrived here Saturday within the context of a tour in the area. Earlier in the day, Sonoda conferred with Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

Following the meeting, Sheikh Hisham said he reviewed with Sonoda bilateral activities and the progress scored by the Saudi-Japanese Joint Commission in various areas.

## Afghan town captured

KARACHI, March 2 (Agencies) — Anti-government forces captured one small town in eastern Afghanistan, but have come under heavy attack from government troops near the Pakistan border, according to reports reaching here.

The organization "Hezbi Islami" said in a press release that the Muslims had captured the headquarters of an Afghan division Saturday after "grim fighting." It said 30 Afghan army troops were killed and 40 injured against four dead and five injuries for the Muslims.

However, the Soviet and Afghan armies made a heavy day-long attack on the Muslim-held town of Kot using helicopters and tanks. Two-hundred government troops and 50 among the Muslim forces were killed, reports crossing the border related.

Among the reported Muslim dead were commander Nadir Khan, vice commanders Abdul Rabbin Khan and Feroz Khan. It was not immediately known if the freedom fighters had lost control of the town. Reliable sources in Pakistan also said Muslims captured 30 light machine guns and blew up four tanks during fighting at Sulampur. Muslims captured 150 rifles and took 40 government soldiers prisoner in an attack on a Jalalabad police station, they said.

Another report by the Hezbi Islami said Muslims had killed 90 Afghan militia near Nazian, but that Soviet aircraft later bombed and killed 10 women and children.

Meanwhile, a Soviet newspaper termed Western calls for neutralization of Afghanistan "political decoration" designed to distract American-led plans to reopen the cold war.

The Communist Party daily *Sovetskaya Rossiya* said that the recent bustle of diplomatic moves in Western Europe over Afghanistan was no more than a political screen.

The paper said that under cover of its "diplomatic" the West was carrying out long-planned adventures including an attempt last week to stage a counter-revolutionary push in Afghanistan.

"Everything has been thought out very neatly, as we see: Washington loudly demands that the Soviet Union stop military aid to Afghanistan, while its partners in the Atlantic alliance raise a fuss about 'Afghan neutralization'."



WELL-WISHERS: King Khalid received a number of princes, ministers and citizens Sunday. The well-wishers visited King Khalid at King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh. The King is recovering from strain due to overwork.

## Aba Al-Khail meets Duncan

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheik Muhammad Aha Al-Khail conferred Sunday with the visiting U.S. Energy Secretary Charles Duncan.

The talks, attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Finance, dealt with cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the United States and reviewed the world economic situation in general. However, the Energy Department in Washington said Duncan would discuss a resumption of sales of oil for stockpiling in the United States.

Opposition to stockpiling has been strong among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. According to reports, Duncan was advised before his departure that Saudi Arabia leaders were hopeful the administration would postpone its plans to spend over one billion dollars for additional reserve oil.

The United States is the major consumer of oil in the world.

For the United States to be able to build up its oil reserves through purchases from Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom would be required to continue the present high production level of 9.5 million barrels a day. This is one million barrels more than the normal daily average of 8.5 million barrels, which was ordered following world oil shortages in the wake of the Iranian revolution a year ago.

## Fulbright visits Aramco offices

DHAHRAN, March 2 (SPA) — Former U.S. Senator William Fulbright visited Aramco headquarters here Sunday.

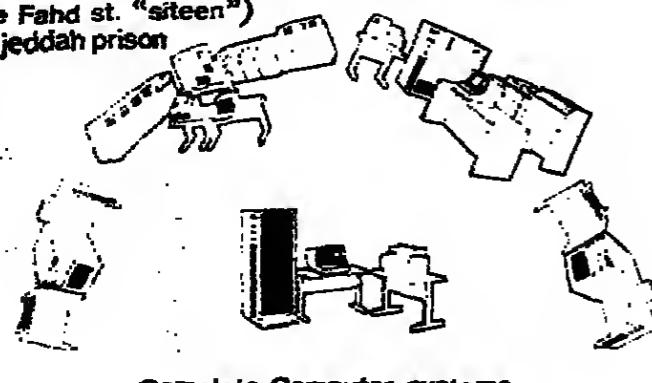
He visited the oil exhibition and other oil installations in Ras Tanura. He also flew over the compound by helicopter.

On Monday, Fulbright will lecture students of the Industrial Management College who are studying international relations.

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## Visits Riyadh March 10 Giscard d'Estaing hailed in Kuwait

RIYADH, March 2 (Agencies) — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who began talks in Kuwait Saturday, will visit Saudi Arabia March 10, at the end of an official tour of a number of Gulf countries and Jordan.

The Soviet invasion and its impact on the Gulf region were high on the French-Kuwaiti talks, according to officials.

Giscard d'Estaing and Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah of Kuwait also were to examine the situation in Iran and review the latest developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In addition, the two leaders were to seek ways of strengthening economic, cultural and political cooperation between France and the Arab world.

Leading a high-powered delegation, Giscard d'Estaing and his wife arrived Saturday on the first leg of a six-nation tour aimed at bolstering France's ties with its main sources of crude oil, the Arab states of the Gulf.

"The tour is meant primarily to obtain an on-the-spot appraisal of the situation in the Gulf region," the independent newspaper *Al-Anba* quoted a French official as saying. "And relations between France and the Palestinian resistance movement will figure prominently in the talks."

The French leader is to bold talks in Riyadh, with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd, whose country, along with Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, supply nearly 54 per cent of France's imports of crude oil.

Iraq also has been a steady supplier of crude oil to France, filling the gap created by Iran's cutback on oil production after the revolution.

Al-Anba also said that Giscard d'Estaing has opted to drop Oman from his tour, on account of "protocol considerations." It said that Sultan Qaboos bin Said of Oman has never visited France.

The newspaper *Al-Quds* editorialized Giscard d'Estaing trying to keep the sensitive Gulf region outside the spheres of superpower rivalry.

"The current rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union is part of their detente game, and Giscard d'Estaing is expected to try and keep the Gulf region out of this," the paper said.

Giscard d'Estaing is known to lend France's support to the principle of comprehensive peace between the Arab and Israel.

He also supports efforts to achieve a just settlement of the Palestine question, which Western European powers view as the core of the Middle East conflict.

The president's first round of talks Saturday with Sheikh Al-Sabah, was officially said to have taken place in an excellent atmosphere.

A French presidential spokesman said the two men discussed Afghanistan, the Middle East, Lebanon and the security of the Gulf.

Sunday's talks between the French leader and Sheikh Jaber were expected to include discussions on a formal dialogue between the Arab Gulf states and the European Common Market.

Gulf newspapers beaped praise on Giscard d'Estaing Sunday reminding him at the same time that a Palestinian settlement was the key to better relations.

"We feel that France has touched off in us a cascade of confidence in the country because it adheres most to its responsibilities," Al-Anba said.

"The word 'Palestine' is on all tongues and the tyranny of the Palestinian people have suffered is the main issue which is the magic key to all relations," the newspaper said.

The first French leader to visit the Gulf was greeted as the Arab world's best friend in Western Europe, Saturday and received a 21-gun salute.

"Welcome to Kuwait," ran the headline over a French-language editorial in the *Arab Times*. "You have been and are a dear friend, always understanding of the Arab world."

Giscard d'Estaing's spokesman said before the visit began that its aims were essentially political.

France is anxious to establish a permanent dialogue between Europe and the Arab world, a desire shared by the ruler of Bahrain who first proposed it last year.

## Gulf states need self-protection, Saud reaffirms

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said Sunday that Afghan events have confirmed the need for Gulf states to depend on themselves for the protection of their independence and resources.

The armed Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has clearly proved the Soviet Union's resolve to bring the world back to the age of colonialism and armed invasion, he added.

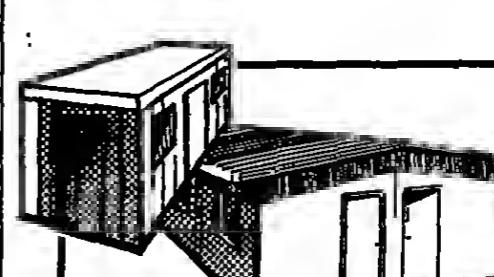
In an interview published in *Al-Jazirah*, Prince Saud urged friendly states to offer arms supplies to the Gulf states for self-defense. He added that the principle of self-reliance would achieve stability for the region and keep it out of the superpower dispute.

The foreign minister said contacts continued among Gulf states within a framework of coordination and consultation for the fulfillment of aspirations of their peoples.

He added there would not be any objection to holding a regional foreign ministers' conference if the need arose.

Prince Saud said the events of Afghanistan have exposed the nature of friendship treaties with the Soviet Union and their hazards to the independence and freedom of other peoples.

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## 300 emergency solar telephones begin operation

JEDDAH, March 2 (SPA) — More than 300 solar energy emergency telephone booths on Saudi Arabia's highways began operating Saturday.

Rabie Dahlan, director general of telephones, said that the emergency booths will make it possible for any person in trouble on a highway to obtain police, traffic and fire rescue services within a very short notice. He also said that the microwave, coaxial, vertical and horizontal cable stations in Jeddah and Taif are now under the control of Jeddah telephones as a kind of technical rapprochement among those departments.

In addition, one Saudi Arabian project being constructed plans to link the Kingdom with Sudan by means of microwave. The project will rely principally on solar power.

The project will provide 900 telephone lines between Saudi Arabia and Africa, as well as telex, cable, radio and television channels. It will run on solar energy, but if a fault develops there is an emergency diesel engine to take over. If both are damaged, batteries storing three-days electricity requirements will cut in.

## Badr heads for France to report on ocean safety

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 2 — The president of Saudi Arabian Ports Authority, Dr. Fayed Badr, left here Sunday for Paris. He headed the Saudi Arabian delegation to meeting of the Sea and Oceans Conference in Tropical Africa.

The conference opens Wednesday in Bordeaux to discuss cooperation between participating states and to exchange information and experts in the field of ports and navigation.

The conference is one in a series held every three years and is organized by Techno Export. The Kingdom is participating for the first time. The Fourth Oceans Seas Exhibition for 1980 will be held during the period of the conference, which lasts five days.

Badr will present a report to the conference regarding the safety of oceans and seas as basic trade channels. The topic will include

### Nawaf to open Jeddah's first battery plant

JEDDAH, March 2 — Prince Nawaf will open the first dry cell manufacturing factory in the industrial area here Wednesday.

The factory — the first of its kind in the Kingdom — is part of the state's plan to encourage and protect native factories. The state has provided every facility for its establishment, including the plot of land on which it has been built.

The SR37 million factory will produce 48 million dry cells of different types in its maiden year. But soon will go ahead with the production of mini batteries needed for electronic equipment, watches and cameras.

Meanwhile, an official spokesman of the Arabian Dry Cell Manufacturing Company stated that the aim of the factory was to make them an alternative source of power. He added that the factory's product would also be exported to neighboring states, after it has diversified its production and achieved self-sufficiency for the Kingdom.

The opening function is to be attended, among others, by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Al-Gosaibi, high-ranking officials and members of the company's board of directors.



Dr Fayed Badr

piracy, sea pollution and monopoly of insurance companies.

Badr will preside at the second day of conference. The meeting will be under 'Arab countries — Seas and Oceans', attended by 20 Arab states. Side meetings between delegations of developing countries and industrial nations will be held, during which the developing world will display their achievements and projects on seas, rivers and lakes.

The conference and exhibition is to be opened by the Senegalese President Leopold Senghor. The French minister of transport, Joel Le Thoule, will attend the opening under the auspices of Jack Chaban Delmas the mayor of Bordeaux, and a former prime minister of France.

Saudi Arabia's wing in the exhibition will be 600 square meters. The Port Authority will display photographs and charts representing the development of Saudi Arabian ports. Eighty countries, of which 15 are from Europe, will take part in the exhibition.

Dr. Badr will pay a two day official visit to France starting Thursday. He will visit the port of Le Havre.

### PIA festival week planned for Jeddah

AL-KHOBAR, March 2 — As a result of the success of the Pakistan Food Festival in Al-Khobar, Pakistan International Airlines said it would host a similar show in Jeddah.

The festival was organized by the airlines in cooperation with the Al-Gosaibi International Hotel. The show catered to 1,200 guests.

PIA flew in experienced cooks from its main Karachi kitchen with Pakistani spices and ingredients, to prepare the dishes.

The festival was attended by Sheikh Ahmed Hamed Al-Gosaibi, chairman of the Al-Gosaibi Ahmed Hamed Al-Gosaibi Group, new Ambassador of Pakistan to the Kingdom, Najmul Saqib Khan and Chairman of PIA, Enwar Jamal, in addition, the event was attended by prominent Saudi nationals.

An ensemble of Pakistani folk musicians entertained the guests.

There is a large Pakistani population in the Eastern Province and the volume of trade exports to Saudi Arabia is \$ 100,000,000. There are already links between the two countries, and PIA hopes to further those bonds.

## Medina governor opens U session

MEDINA, March 2 (SPA) — On behalf of Crown Prince Fahd, the rector of the Islamic University of Medina, Governor of Medina Prince Abdul Mohsen opened the ninth session of the higher council of the university.

He said at the opening speech Saturday that the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan was a move towards the Islamic countries to destroy them.

Prince Abdul Mohsen called on the Islamic world to take additional measures to expose the ugly crime the Soviets committed against Afghanistan's people. Youths should be directed to the right path and the present situation when Zionists, Communists and Colonialists are waging a war of ideologies against Islam, he said.

Sheikh Ahmad Aziz ibn Baz, director general of the Department of Scholarly Research, Propagation and Religious Guidance said the university graduated considerable number of Muslim teachers, judges and guides. He is also a member of the higher council of the Islamic University of Medina.

Sheikh Baz said the Islamic world needs Muslim experts to fight degression facing Muslims throughout the world. The establishment of the Islamic university will always be a bright light on Saudi Arabia in serving Muslims and Islam, he said.

### Diesel engines for Rabegh plant

LONDON March 2 (LPS) — Three of a new line in diesel engines will power generators at the desalination plant at Rabegh, North of Jeddah.

Each of the sets will supply 960 kw of power for the complex which has no electrical grid supply. Two of the units will provide electricity for the plant and the third will be on standby.

Mirflecs Blackstone, of Stockport, north-west England, markets a range of diesel engines and this is its first export order for the latest ESL Mark 2 engine for industrial generators.

The order is worth £250,000 and has been placed by the construction engineers for the Saline Water Conversion Corporation at Rabegh.

In addition, the delivery of switchgear and distribution boards ordered from the UK by the Riyadh Electric Company will start within the next month or two and is due to be completed by January 1981.

The order — worth almost £2.5 million — comprises 11,000 volt oil-filled ring main units and 1500-amp fused distribution boards for Riyadh's electricity supply system.

It was placed with W Lucy & Co Ltd, of Oxford, southern England, which has been selling to Riyadh Electric for the past six years.

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The higher council is to discuss the building of university branches in Indonesia, Nigeria and a Sharia college in Pakistan. In addition, discussion will center on a proposal to establish a Dean of Admissions, regulations for 'Dar Al-Quran Al-Kareem' and admission in the university and its institutions.

The council will review the annual report and an authorization for the council to assess executive rules for institutions related to the university. The budget for the 1980-81 school year also will be reviewed.

Prince Abdul Mohsen also dedicated the university's new printing press.

The press took two years to build and cost SR 5 million. It is comprised of the most advanced machinery used in printing and publishing books.

The Saudi Arabian government supported the establishment of the Islamic University from its conception. Prince Mohsen said the university has about 5,000 Muslim students of 100 different nationalities.

Dr. Abdullah ibn Abdul Aziz, deputy rector of the university, emphasized the role of the press in aiding the spread of Islam. During the Saturday ceremony, Abdullah Al-Zayed reviewed the achievements of the Islamic University of Medina in serving Islam and Muslims.

The company's advertising and information activities expanded during the past fiscal year as Tihama entered the fields of publication and distribution of Sandi newspapers and magazines to an increased number of readers.



Prince Saud ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz

## Tihama board to hold meeting

JEDDAH, March 2 — Prince Saud ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz, the chairman of Tihama Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research Company, has called for meetings of the company's general assembly and board of administration Monday evening.

Tihama Director General Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb said the board will discuss the vice-chairman's report on the activities during the 1979-80 fiscal year. It will also examine 1979's closing accounts and approve distribution of profits to shareholders.

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The contributions indicate a positive nationwide response to King Khaled's appeal for support of the Muslim's fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan.

## New donations for Afghan fighters

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, and the chairman of the donations board for Afghan freedom fighters, received Sunday a new list of donations totalling to SR226,880.

The board received donations Saturday of SR13,430,685 of which SR1 million was given by Sheikh Saleh Ahmad ibn Mahfouz, director general of the National Commercial Bank and its branches. Ali Haifiz Wahba gave SR505,000, Muhammad Al-Aly Al-Sane Establishment of Riyadh, Medina and Buraidah donated SR500,000; SR400,000 came from Sheikh Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al-Anqari, SR300,000 from the sons of Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Anqari, SR300,000 from Projects and Trade Company Abdullah Al-Anqari and partners and SR100,000 came from Abdul Aziz Hosni Ghandourah.

On Friday and Thursday the board received two lists totalling to SR706,217.

All together donations received so far for Afghan fighters have exceeded SR40 million. The donation fund was created by royal decree issued in response to public demand to aid the freedom fighters in Afghanistan.

Donations have come from all financial sectors of the Kingdom — from school children to leading figures in the country.

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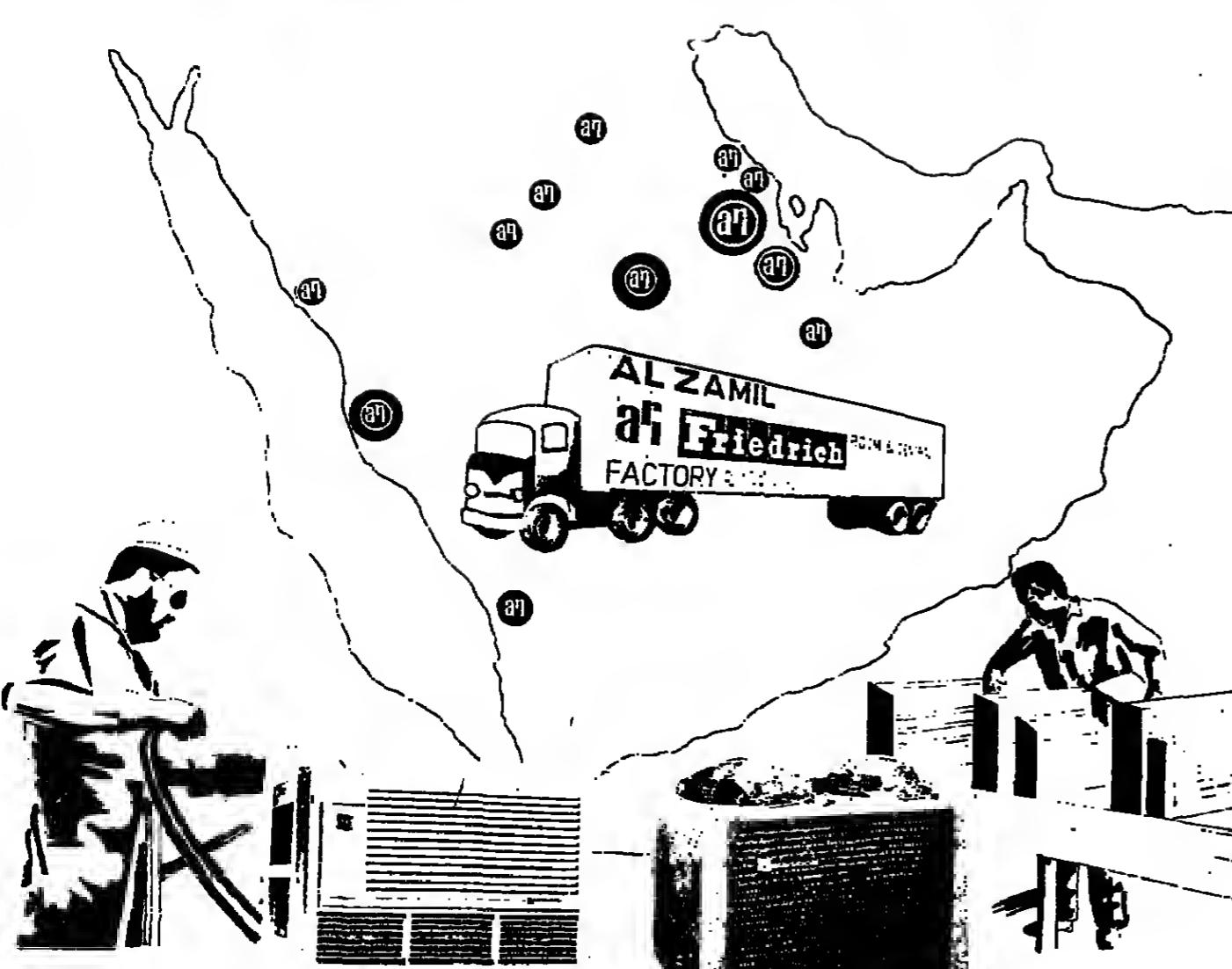
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## DB to review policies

EDDAH, March 2 — The Islamic Development Bank's Board of Governors review the bank's activities and consider direction for the current year during the bank's fourth annual meeting.

The meeting is to be held in the Hotel Indian's Conference Hall March 11-13. The Islamic Development Bank is an international financial institution established pursuant to the Declaration of Intent issued at a Conference of Finance Ministers of Muslim Countries held in Jeddah in Zil-Qadah 1393H (December 1973). The Inaugural meeting of the Board of Governors took place in Rajab 1395H (July 1975), and the bank formally opened on 15th Shawwal, 1395H (20th October, 1975).

The purpose of the Bank is to foster the economic development and social progress of member countries and Muslim communities individually as well as jointly in accordance with the principles of Sharia.

The functions of the Bank are to participate in equity capital and grant loans for productive projects and enterprises besides providing financial assistance to member countries in other forms for economic and social development. The Bank is also required to establish and operate special funds for specific purposes including a fund for assistance to Muslim communities in non-

### ekou Toure leaves

MECCA, March 2 (SPA) — Guinea President Ahmed Sekou Toure arrived here Sunday morning from Jeddah to perform the hajj (minor pilgrimage) and pray in the Grand Mosque. He was met at the entrance of the mosque by a number of officials of the Holy city.

### BRIEFS

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Col. Salem Abdullah Al-Ghazali, Omani defense undersecretary, returned here Sunday after a visit to the arms factory in Al-Kharj area. During his visit, Ghazali inspected various sections of the factory where he was briefed on production. He said he was satisfied with the factory's performance and progress. Ghazali is accompanied by Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Farisi, director general of the factory and other commanders and officers of the armed forces.

DAMMAM, March 2 (SPA) — The Eastern Province General Directorate of Education is organizing a training session for the group of Public Health and the Red Crescent.

DOHA, March 2 (SPA) — The sixth conference of the Organization of Arab Capitals elected the mayor of Doha, Ali Muhammad Al-Khatib as its chairman Sunday, with the representatives of Jerusalem, Manama, Algiers and Khartoum to serve as vice-chairman.

DAMMAM, March 2 (SPA) — A French agriculture delegation met with members of the Dammam Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sunday to discuss agricultural cooperation and continued agriculture development in the Kingdom. The delegation proposed possible agriculture projects, laboratories, fodder factories and dairies in Saudi Arabia using French expertise. The delegation arrived here Friday and has visited irrigation and drainage project and seen measures being used against the advance of desert in Hasa.

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member countries, in addition to setting trust funds.

The Bank is authorized to accept deposits and to raise funds in any other manner. It is also charged with the responsibility of assisting in the promotion of foreign trade, especially in capital goods, among member countries, providing technical assistance to member countries, extending training facilities for personnel engaged in development activities and undertaking research for enabling the economic, financial and banking activities in Muslim countries to conform to the Sharia.

It has been constant endeavour of the Bank to expand and accelerate its operations and viewed from this standpoint it is satisfying to note that there was a substantial expansion in the Bank's financing operations during 1399H (December 1978 — November 1979). Total financing approved by the Bank during the year amounted to ID 381.68 million (\$490.94 million) reflecting a 73 per cent increase over the previous year.

By the end of 1399H total approvals by the Bank for project financing and foreign trade financing reached ID 759.53 million (\$943.32 million) covering 114 projects — operations in 30 member countries. The year witnessed a further diversification in the Bank's operations. Amounts approved under the project financing amounted in 1399H to ID 119.25 million (\$152.85 million), details of which are as follows:

Loans	... ID 33.37 million
Equity	... ID 44.78 million
Leasing	... ID 39.05 million
Technical	... ID 1.68 million
Assistance	

The total amount approved under project financing since inception has now increased to ID 313.85 million (\$383.89 million).

Foreign trade financing operations introduced in 1397H as a means of utilizing funds not immediately needed for project financing showed a marked increase during 1399H and amounted to ID 262.43 million (\$338.09 million). Total foreign trade financing approved by the Bank till the end of 1399H amounts to ID 445.68 million (\$559.43 million) which represents about 59 per cent of the total financing by the Bank.

### WEATHER

Cold winds will continue in Saudi Arabia, with cold weather expected in the evening, particularly in the Northern Province. The Northern, and Central areas will be covered with thick clouds leading to scattered showers. Northern winds will be active in the Northern, Central and Southern provinces, raising dust.

Conditions will be choppy in the Red Sea and moderate in the Gulf.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum, in centigrade)

Mecca	27	13
Jeddah	26	15
Riyadh	23	13
Dhahran	25	19
Medina	21	15
Taif	18	07
Jizan	32	25
Hail	14	04
Turaif	06	02
Arar	12	06
Jouf	13	03
Abha	18	12

### U.S. official cancels visit

JEDDAH, March 2 The United States embassy has announced that Joe Butler, the agricultural trade officer, has cancelled his scheduled visit to Jeddah because of illness. The visit was due to take place Monday. His appointments and the evening reception in his honor have been cancelled. His trip will take place later.

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — An Arab organization for Land and Sea Transport will be set up here to create investment companies in these fields.

The decision was made Sunday at the 14th session of the Arab League's Standing Communications Committee.

The project, sponsored by Saudi Arabia, aims to foster cooperation among Arab countries to improve land and sea transport strategy to help Arab economic interests.

The conference entrusted the Arab League's General Secretariat to prepare a detailed project for the organization. The study will be submitted to the forthcoming session of the Arab Economic and Social Council.

The committee also recommended establishment of an Arab registration authority to be seated in Kuwait.

A sub-committee on maritime shipping will meet in Kuwait, on May 3, to examine the

10th year of



TREE WEEK: Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam bin Abdul Aziz helps to plant a tree during celebrations for the third plant-a-tree week. Prince Sattam urged more than 550 youths to devote more effort in planting trees throughout the Kingdom. He told the youths, "The tree plays a vital role in beautifying the environment and keeping the weather pleasant."

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proposal. It will comprise experts from Kuwait, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Algeria and Iraq.

Another sub-committee on transport will meet in Tunis to work out an Arab strategy in the field of transport. Members of the sub-committee are Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Algeria, Tunisia, and Palestine.

The committee urged its members to support the latter sub-committee with all the information they have and the studies they made on the proposed transport strategy.

It recommended a thorough examination by each member state of the air transport regulations and conventions among Arab countries, on the one hand, and between Arab countries and international aviation, on the other. The purpose of the proposed study is to preserve Arab interests and secure better advantages for Arab nationals.

## Inflation control commended

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia managed to cut inflation to less than one quarter of the levels forecast by experts, the Kingdom's Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Sunday.

He told newsmen that economic experts predicted a rate of inflation to less than 45 per cent as a result of the level of government spending. "However, thanks to our wise financial policy, we managed to keep that rate to the vicinity of 10 per cent," the minister said.

While the pace of development is being maintained, Saudi officials are keen on checking inflation "which is an ogre eating the welfare of the country's nationals," he added.

Dr. Yamani said he was proud of the Kingdom's policies which helped achieve such results and for which the Kingdom is enjoying its current certainty.

He also discussed at length the Kingdom's role as a moderator and stabilizer for world economy. Dr. Yamani affirmed that Saudi Arabia acted in a responsible manner as a member of the world community with its positive contribution in preserving economic certainty. It did so in and outside the framework of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Regrettably, "certain firms" have achieved fantastic and unwarranted gains at the consumers' expense, both in the developing and least developed countries and in the industrialized world he said. As a result, this has a two-pronged effect on the economy of many countries. Oil prices have risen, and this in turn has led to an increase in the price of petrochemical products at the detriment of many a developing country.

In the meantime, he said, Saudi Arabia has always endeavored to spare developing, and least developed countries, in particular, the woes of a sudden rise in the price of petroleum.

Dr. Yamani, in the morning, held his periodical meeting with Saudi editors with whom he discussed their problems and a means of developing the press and spreading its publication at home and abroad.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, the deputy minister of information for information affairs.



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## New M.E. move foreseen by Prince Hassan

DOHA, March 2 (R) — Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan has attacked the U.S.-negotiated peace accords between Egypt and Israel and said they could be replaced by a new initiative within the next few months.

In an interview with Qatar television Saturday Prince Hassan said: "There is a great contradiction between a comprehensive Middle East settlement, based on total Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands including Jerusalem, and the current steps which are aimed at producing quick solutions for international political reasons."

"Perhaps in the next two or three months we will be able to break America's grip and make a new move which will take us onto the essential issues," Prince Hassan said, adding: "There is currently a European move in this direction."

Recent European action has included a proposal by Britain to change a U.N. resolution on the Middle East to take more account of Palestinian rights, widely referred to as the heart of the conflict.

Talks between Egypt, Israel and the U.S. on autonomy for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have dragged on for nine months without major result but are scheduled to be completed in May this year.

Prince Hassan said Jordan, as one of the states directly confronting Israel, was suffering all the more from world inflation. But he



Crown Prince Hassan

added that he had found Qatar understood Jordan's problems and special committees were meeting to study cooperation between the two countries.

He said one area of cooperation would be "the exploration for and exploitation of various resources, including perhaps energy resources." He gave no further details.

Jordan is rich in phosphates and has deposits of other minerals. It has also been exploring for oil.

Prince Hassan arrived in Qatar Friday after a visit to Kuwait. He was due to leave for Iraq Sunday.

## Pakistan protests to Russia over violation of airspace

ISLAMABAO, March 2 (AP) — The Pakistan Air Force fired twice at a Soviet military aircraft which violated Pakistani airspace Saturday, a foreign office spokesman reported.

The spokesman said the Soviet plane was not hit and was later escorted out of Pakistan's airspace under orders from President Zia ul-Haq that the plane should not be harmed.

The violation, which occurred around 0630 GMT Saturday, was the first ever to be

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## Qaddafi says Libya ready for dialogue with United States

*Excludes peaceful solution in Mideast*

TRIPOLI, March 2 (R) — Libya sees no peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict but is ready for dialogue with Israel's main backer, the United States, according to Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

Interviewed by Reuters Saturday the Libyan leader maintained his stance of refusing all negotiations with Israel and insisting that only bullets could resolve the dispute.

"There is no alternative — either give up the struggle, surrender to Israel or sacrifice the Palestinian people, or continue the fight," he said.

Qaddafi added that he would start dialogue on the day when only oriental Jews remained in Palestine and the others had gone back to the countries from which they emigrated.

Asked whether a return by Israel to its pre-1967 boundaries might be an important step in the right direction, he replied: "We want Israel to return to its pre-1948 boundaries."

**Tehran plagued by traffic jams as car ban ended**

TEHRAN, March 2 (R) — Chaotic traffic returned to the streets of Tehran Saturday after a week-long experiment banning all private cars was called off by Mayor Mohammad Tavassoli.

Although the scheme was officially declared a success, it appeared more public transport was needed before a permanent car ban could be introduced.

Tavassoli said on state radio there was 60 per cent less traffic in the Iranian capital during the test period.

Government officials said they would study statistics such as the absentee rate at offices and factories to assess the value of banning private cars on a more regular basis during daylight hours.

The ban was complicated by wet-weather and snow which kept many people in outlying areas of the capital away from work.

Saturday the city's streets were once again clogged with some of the world's worst traffic.

Among the problems the car ban might solve are the dangerously high pollution levels in Tehran and the high rate of car imports, the officials said.

Tehran's previous mayor was executed shortly after last year's Islamic revolution on charges including driving the population mad by allowing traffic to grow unchecked.

**Ethiopian head hits at offering bases to U.S.**

NAIROBI, March 2 (R) — Ethiopian Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam Sunday made a veiled attack on neighboring countries which offered increased military facilities to the United States and said Socialist Ethiopia would look to its defenses.

In a speech broadcast by Addis Ababa radio marking the anniversary of the defeat of the Italian army by the imperial Ethiopian army at the battle of Adwa in 1896, Lt. Col. Mengistu said:

"Imperialism and reaction have revised new methods to attack us and our revolution.

"Puppet governments which get nourishment from imperialism by enslaving their peoples and opening wide the door of their countries are not only a threat to their own people, but also to those of us in the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea who have embraced socialism."

Mengistu claimed that imperialism has been fulfilling its mission by using reactionary and weak governments. We should not forget that these anti-people and damaging activities perpetrated upon us in this region have been carried out on the backs of these anti-people leaders."

Mengistu did not name any government but neighboring Kenya and Somalia have offered the United States increased access to their military facilities in the wake of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

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Asked his alternative, Qaddafi said: "Military action, as in Zimbabwe is the only step in the right direction."

Qaddafi acknowledged that the question of Israel was the main obstacle with good relations with the United States, "although U.S. policies imposed many others."

But he said in spite of this "we have no objections with a face-to-face dialogue with the Americans. It is they who always shut the door, block all roads, but we would welcome the U.S. approach to try to mend fences," he said.

Turning to the Soviet Union, Qaddafi was reluctant to criticize Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan. But he repeated several times: "I am against any intervention in

the internal affairs of any country. I am against asking for help from foreign forces and I am interested in the development of Islam and its non-alliance."

He denied that Islamic unity had been affected by the Soviet action in Afghanistan. "Right now there is no Islamic unity to be affected. The Islamic world is divided into spheres of influence," he said.

On another subject, Qaddafi flatly denied knowledge of the fate of Imam Moussa Sadr, the Lebanese religious leader who disappeared while on a visit to Libya in 1978.

"I am now convinced that Moussa Sadr reached Italy. There is new evidence to this and people in Libya believe it. We shall exert every effort to look for him in Italy," Qaddafi

said. The Moussa Sadr issue was no longer a problem between Libya and Iran, he said.

"Iran will become the second Jamahiriya, perhaps the strongest one," he said, referring to the system of Islamic socialism practised in Libya under his guidance.

On the U.S. hostages held in Iran, Qaddafi said: "Efforts should also be made against the Shah, but the hostages should be freed if they are innocent."

Asked whether this meant some or all of them should be out on trial, he replied "I am not a judge," and added: "I cannot stand on the side of America in its crisis against my brothers, the Iranians."

**19 years of war**

## Eritrean guerrillas set for escalating fight

By Jonathan Geling

ERITREA, March 2, (OFNS) — Kassala is a hot and busy market town in Eastern Sudan. Among the street crowds the Eritreans are easily distinguished — refugees from a conflict that has ravaged their country for nearly two decades.

It was from here that I entered Eritrea with the Eritrean Liberation Front; traveling in one of the vehicles that leave every evening laden with food, medicines and people. The supplies are distributed by night to the liberated areas of the western lowlands, stronghold of the ELF, which is one of two guerrilla organizations fighting the Russian-backed Ethiopian army.

Despite Ethiopia's superiority in heavy weapons such as Soviet T-54 tanks, I found the Eritreans in an offensive mood. The other organization active in the field is the Eritrean People's Liberation Front — EPLF. Despite a long history of division they and the ELF are now cooperating militarily to some degree.

Around Asmara they are conducting a continuous guerrilla war to prevent Ethiopian troops joining up with their army in the northern highlands and Sana.

It is in the EPLF's Sahel territory that most fighting is now going on, with all the major cities garrisoned and besieged. As the Sahel fighting progresses in favor of the Eritreans, it is difficult to see what Ethiopia hopes to gain from its tenacious hold on the cities and towns. All are surrounded, vulnerable and must be attacked and supply by air.

If sorties manage to push through the Eritrean lines beyond the city outskirts they are soon enveloped in apparently empty countryside peopled only by hostile and highly efficient guerrillas.

Agordat, a large town on the western edge of the highlands, is a good example. Set on the banks of the River Barka, surrounded by steep, rock-strewn hills, the huge mosque and hospital look small and

vulnerable, and on the mound behind the town the old, squat fort shimmers in the heat.

The Ethiopian trenches and minefields encircle the town, reaching out to include the airfield, their lifeline for all supplies from bread to bullets. Facing them across the dry river bed are the ELF front lines, while a mile away, behind the crest of every hill, the guerrillas watch the movements of each tank or plane.

All is not well within the Ethiopian army. The preferential treatment afforded the regular army is resented by the peasant militia, who do the same work and invariably form the front line of attack. Mostly Oromos from southern Ethiopia, they are press-ganged into the militia while visiting their local markets, and then sent off with the minimum of training to put down the "bandits in the north."

The demoralized troops often desert.

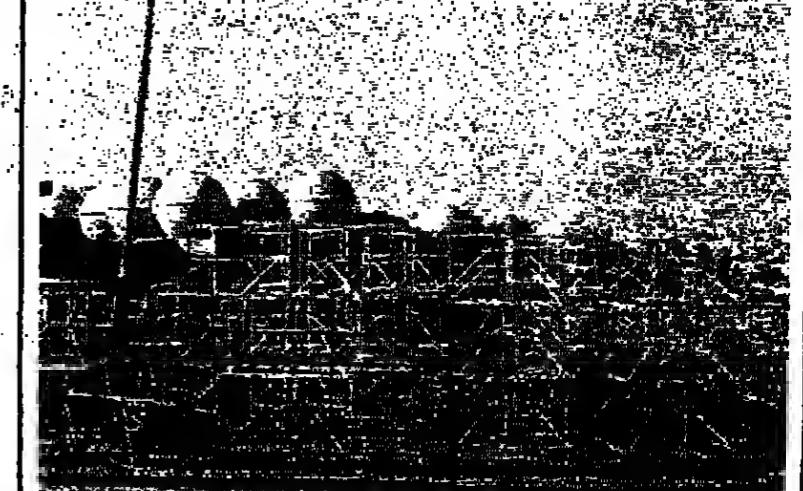
Though the guerrillas have so far held off the Ethiopians, the latter announced a sixth and "final" offensive in January.



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## The 'right stuff' gets a raw deal

By George C. Wilson  
The Washington Post

LANGLEY AFB, Virginia — The fighters flying the hottest planes in the sky, the ones who would go to war first, cannot figure out how Washington can be so damn dumb.

To them, all this hollering over registration and the drafts like swatting at flies rather than attacking the mammoth pile, to use a famous expression from one of their old leaders, Gen. Curtis E. LeMay.

The big problem in today's military, according to the pilots at Langley Air Force Base, is not recruiting or drafting new bodies although they favor this — but holding onto the men and women with "the right stuff" already in uniform.

"I feel unappreciated, taken advantage of," said Capt. William R. Looney III, in expressing the hurt felt by the proud men who are pilots. "I'm disappointed in my countrymen. Tomorrow I could die. The American civilian leadership doesn't appreciate I'm doing that for them."

Pentagon statistics and surveys show that many young pilots like Looney are fed up with losing money to inflation year after year as the president cuts their pay and civilian workers get big raises.

So many pilots are quitting in protest that both the Air Force and Navy fear they will not have enough to man all their warplanes. The Air Force figures it will be 2,400 pilots short this fiscal year, 3,500 next and 4,100 the year after — unless pay and other benefits are improved dramatically. The Navy needed to keep 58 per cent of its young pilots this year but now estimates it will hold only 28 per cent of them.

The Air Force says it costs \$900,000 to train just one pilot in the sophisticated tactics needed to win dogfights against Russians flying modern planes. This expensive training makes the pilot highly saleable to commercial airlines and other civilian firms willing to pay twice as much as the military.

Today's jet pilot is a different breed from the storybook one — the hard-drinking, swashbuckler of Pappy Boyington fame. He has at least one college degree, often two. He talks and thinks like an engineer — or else he does not survive modern weapons. And, like everyone else, he worries about buying a house and putting aside enough money for his children's education.

He is hard to replace. Neither registration nor the draft would close the pilot gap. That is why General Lew Allen, Air Force chief of staff, and Admiral Thomas B. Hayward, chief of naval operations, are more worried about keeping the good people they have than finding new bodies.

The squadron commanders who would have to lead their pilots to war, like Lt. Col. Ralph Wetterhahn of the 71st Eagle squadron here, see concentrating on keeping staff as a matter of common sense.

"It's a whole lot cheaper to keep one guy from going out the back door than to try to take in three or four others through the front door to replace him," Wetterhahn says. Safer, too.

His squadron flies the hot F-15 Eagle fighter under the motto: "Our mission is to fly, fight and win," with the word "win" underlined. Living or dying in today's air battles depends on decisions made in seconds high above the earth. Inexperienced pilots die quickly.

"We can draft people until we're blue in the face, bring them in for two years, and they roll out after two years," said Vice Adm. George E. R. Kinnett II, commander of the Navy's Atlantic fleet warplane squadrons. "But that doesn't do anything to build up the skilled manpower who take five or six years to train."

It is young pilots with six to 11 years service — especially ones attractive to airlines and other civilian employers — whom the Air Force and Navy are losing at an alarming rate. Why would these pilots trade whirling around the sky at 1,000 miles an hour in fighter planes that cost \$15 million to \$25 million each for the comparatively dull life of civilian jobs?

They are gathered to explain themselves at the building just off the air field here used by the 94th "Hat in the Ring" squadron. Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker made the squadron famous during World War I. The squadron's original stone "Hat in the Ring" symbol mounted in 1918 on the 94th's operations building in Toul, France, now marks the entrance to Squadron headquarters here.

The pilots gathered in the lounge wear red

or blue turtleneck jerseys under their flying suits. They begin with nice ones, and move quickly to anger — anger at Washington. Why does Washington care so much about draft legislation and "real growth" in the \$15 billion Pentagon budget? Why does it care so little about "real growth" in the pilots' \$24,000 a year pay checks?

The outrage is as visible in their conversation as the contrails from their F-15 Eagles against a morning sky.

"A lot of people have this money problem," continued Capt. Looney, 30, a native of Norman, Okla., an Air Force Academy graduate who also has a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

"It's not like we're saying poor Air Force officer, poor F-15 pilot," Looney said. "But the thing is that you see your friends outside the service making more money, and you know you're just as well equipped and capable, if not more so, to make as much money as they do. You see what they can provide for their families. It frustrates you."

"I feel unappreciated, taken advantage of. They know they've got a good deal in the majority of people who fly this airplane. I don't feel my general has done that to me. I feel the civilian leadership has done that to me."

"The airplane could blow up. Somebody could run into me or I could run into them or we could go to war and I could get killed. I've accepted this, as has everybody else in this room. The American civilian leadership doesn't appreciate I'm doing that for them. I'm disappointed."

Capt. James G. Boehm, 29, of Fairview Park, Ohio, one of the pilots who flew an F-15 to Saudi Arabia early in the Iranian crisis, agreed.

"If you think you're getting bad vibes," Boehm said, "I want to tell you you're talking to guys who have the best assignment in the Air Force" — flying the F-15 fighter. Many pilots flying lesser planes are even more dispirited, he said, because they feel their efforts are not appreciated. "We're in our job right now so kids in San Francisco can go out and demonstrate against the draft."

Capt. David A. Greschke, of Huron, South Dakota, has been in the Air Force for 10 years and is quite a commodity, on the civilian market. He holds an electrical engineering degree from South Dakota State University and a public administration degree from Colorado.

"I'm still motivated," said Greschke, "but I would expect, after 10 to 12 years in the Air Force, to be at a measurable level above where I started in pay, responsibilities and so on. But, really, all that has changed is the rank."

He and other pilots, some of whom pulled pay cards and other papers from their flight suit pockets to back their claims, said they have been losing to inflation year after year, most recently because President Carter capped their pay raises at 5 and 7 per cent — far below the actual rate of inflation.

The \$24,000 a year captains said they do not expect to be paid the \$60,000 to \$100,000 salaries of commercial airline pilots but resent risking their lives for a government that refuses to keep their pay ahead of inflation. They added that skilled enlisted people, like crew chiefs who keep their F-15s flyable, are losing out, too.

"It's disheartening for me to go out to my jet and have my crew chief work my airplane and tip that same crew chief over at the commissary for bagging groceries," complained Capt. Rowe P. Stayton, 28, of Quinlan, Texas, an Air Force Academy graduate.

"There's something wrong with that system," continued Stayton in decrying the low pay for people who maintain planes as well as those who fly them. "The guy is expected to put in a hell of a job out there during the day and has to come over here in the evening to make ends meet by taking what I consider a demeaning position. More important, he cannot do his regular, very important job well because he is staying up too late doing the second job."

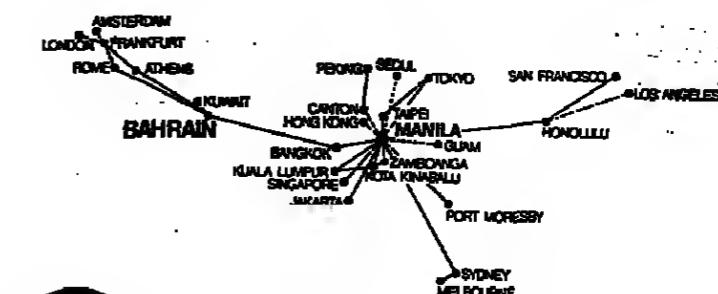
Stayton's crew chief for maintaining the \$15 million F-15 is an E-3, or senior airman. His base pay is \$570 a month, or \$6,840 a year. Allowances on top of that push his pay to just under \$9,000.

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The beginning of the tour of Arab capitals by President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France recalls another great Franco-Arab occasion, in fact, the first chapter in the relations between the Arab world and France. This was the exchange of gifts and ambassadors between the great Abbasid Caliph Haroun al Rasid and the Emperor of the West Charlemagne.

The recollection is not without irony. Europe was then passing through its dark ages, while the light of civilization shone at its brightest in Arab lands. Now the French president comes to an Arab world just emerging from its long night of decline, one in which it had become an object of foreign domination and foreign greed, extending from the first onslaught of the Crusades to modern colonialism and imperialism.

This long period left its deep scars on Arab consciousness, scars which are just beginning to heal. France and the West generally were regarded with suspicion and hostility. And this remained the case until General de Gaulle laid the foundations for a new phase of Franco-Arab relations, when he made his historic switch on the question of Algerian independence, and furthered the process by ending the Israeli-French alliance after the war of 1967.

The French president is being welcomed now in the Arab world as a consistent carrier of the late great leader's policy on the Middle East, as one who recognizes the mutual interests, political, economic and cultural, that bind France in its post-colonialist present to the modern, independent Arab world. He is also welcomed as an honest broker, a representative of a Western Europe which is looking for a third way beyond the alternatives offered by the two superpowers.

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES — Political star wars raged in Hollywood recently as bets were placed on some piquant questions. Would Barbra Streisand sing for Kennedy? Would disco queen Donna Summer save a last dance for George Bush? Would Bob Dylan come out for Carter?

One after another in this gaudy election year, showbiz superstars are finding themselves cast in new roles — power brokers in what looks to be one of the bitchiest presidential contests of recent times. It's called "Hollywood," and it's a multi-million dollar operation for major importance to every White House aspirant, Democrat or Republican.

"It's getting rough out there," says Jeff Wald, a prominent fund-raiser for California Governor Jerry Brown. "The scramble for top names is fierce."

And the potential for profit is large indeed: three concerts given for Ronald Reagan's campaign chest by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and friends grossed a tidy \$40,000 for the former star of "Bedtime for Bozo." The 69-year-old Republican plans at least three more.

Why is Al Jolson helping out candidate Warren Hardin with a rendition of "Mammy" in 1920 — so important this year?

groups Chicago and the Eagles, netted roughly the same. Brown rented a train for one occasion, taking along guests Jane Fonda and Helen Reddy. Miss Ronstadt boosted the take by throwing a \$1,000-per-couple party at her Malibu seaside home for good friend Jerry.

Days later, Washington came to Malibu in the shape of Senator Edward Kennedy, wooing Miss Streisand. His suit was granted, aides claim.

The star of *Hello Dolly* agreed to appear at two whopping fund-raising galas for the Massachusetts senator, one in Los Angeles, one in New York. The gross could surpass \$1 million. La Streisand hasn't given a live concert in eight years.

President Carter has already garnered an eclectic cast of celebrities — Sarah Vaughan, Johnny Cash and Andre Previn among them. Rivals grumble that he wins over top artists with constant invitations to the White House. "Stars in Carter's pocket really want to do a show for Ronny," says a Reagan aide, "but they say after five dinners at the White House, they'd feel guilty."

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Two rock concerts for Brown, in Las Vegas and San Diego, featuring singer Linda Ronstadt and top

## Poland's Gierek in bid to halt cold war

By Neal Ascherson

WARSAW — Poland is making an offer — but not the sort of offer which can't be refused. Edward Gierek, first secretary of the Communist Party, knows that the first instinct of Western Europe will be to reject his plan for a European conference on disarmament to be held at Warsaw.

He simply hopes that, as international tension grows, the instinct of rejection will be followed by persistent second thoughts.

The terms of the offer are pretty vague, and not new. The Warsaw Pact proposed such a conference last autumn, when trying vainly to stop NATO accepting a new generation of American missiles to be based in Western Europe.

But that was before Afghanistan. Gierek said in Warsaw recently: "The political atmosphere should not be an obstacle to holding this conference." It might be a breakthrough to improving the international situation, even break deadlocks in other disarmament negotiations.

So he has revived the proposal, and offered War-

saw as the site of the conference, because Poland can foresee that in a few months' time communication between East and West may have broken down almost completely — in Europe, if not quite between the two superpowers. The context, at least, is new.

The content is more of a problem. It is being said here that the United States and Canada, non-European NATO powers, would be invited to attend. This, with the presence of the Soviet Union, would make the composition of the Warsaw conference the same as that of the European Security Conference due to be held its second review meeting in Madrid this November. The unofficial suggestion is that the conference should be at foreign minister level.

But, the West will ask, what is the point of a European gathering on disarmament when Madrid is obliged to review the progress of the Continent toward military security, and when there are still talks, frozen but not clinically dead, about mutual force reduction in Europe which are supposed to be going on in Vienna?

The answer may be that the Poles, especially, fear that Madrid may turn out to be the sort of hostile collision of angry blocs which achieves nothing positive and even makes East-West dialogue harder.

A high official suggested to correspondents that if the international atmosphere was as bad as it is now, he would suggest to his government that Madrid be postponed. This throws more light on the Gierek scheme. It is a way of extracting one element from the three elements of the Security Conference agenda — security and disarmament, economic and technical cooperation and human contacts.

It is a way of ensuring that the Europeans can keep talking about the part of detente which really matters fundamentally, keeping and improving the peace, without that topic being swamped in a screaming match about the violation of human rights and the cutting off or reduction of East-West trade.

The Vienna talks long ago slowed down and stuck in a bog of mutually unacceptable detailed demands for the reduction of conventional forces in both halves of Europe. The Poles plainly have little hope of saving them, unless their Warsaw conference can

somehow impetus to the whole idea of Continental disarmament.

Although Gierek suggested in his speech recently to the Communist Party Congress here that the Madrid meeting might agree to sponsor Warsaw, privately there is no optimism here that it would do so. It seems more likely that the Eastern bloc will suggest that the Warsaw conference should take place before Madrid.

So far, only the Poles have made this suggestion. It was noticeable that at the Party Congress none of the other Communist delegations, including the Soviets, referred to a European disarmament conference at all. Nonetheless, it seems unlikely that the idea was tabled without prior Soviet approval.

The only Western reaction so far has been a comment from Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German foreign minister, that the Gierek plan was "interesting." In the long history of well-meaning and intelligent Polish plans for reducing tension — the Rapacki plan for force reductions, the Gomulka plan for nuclear limitation in Central Europe — the Gierek plan takes its place. (OFNS)

## saudi press review

In a lead story *Al Jadid* Sunday carried Medina's address to the new session of the Islamic University's Senate in which he said that the Soviet invasion was a threat to Islam. The statement of King Hussein of Jordan to the French newspaper *Le Figaro* to which he said that the Gulf region ought to be defended by the Arabs themselves provided the lead to *Al Jadid*. *Okaz* played as its lead story French President Giscard d'Estaing's fresh peace initiative during his current tour of the Gulf. *Al Jadid* chose as its lead the resolutions of the Kingdom's Civil Service Board to rectify the position of the regional governors. *Al Youm* highlighted in its lead the Japanese Premier's personal envoy Sonoda Sonoda's arrival in the Kingdom and his praise of its role to realize peace and stability in the world.

In an editorial on the French President's current visit to the Gulf, *Al Jadid* said it reiterated the front-page story, *Al Jadid* reported a Pakistani nuclear

engineer being accused of stealing secret nuclear documents from Holland. In another front-page story, it said that Washington has renounced any initiative for an amendment to Resolution 242 of the U.N. Security Council. *Al Jadid* frontpaged Soviet reinforcements to Afghanistan and the killing of innocent people by Afghan militia of the Khalq Party. *Al Jadid* also frontpaged a statement by the North Yemeni Foreign Minister in which he denied the existence of any foreign bases in North Yemen. U.S. President Jimmy Carter's concern for any threat to the independence of Tunisia was flashed on the front page of *Okaz* which also gave a front-page prominence to Interior Minister Prince Naif's order to penalize those merchants who contravene the supply regulations of the country.

*Al Jadid* sent out a renewed call for Arabs to map a unified strategy of action and to work on it with dedication. Differences among the Arab leadership will

continue so long as their petty differences are not eliminated, it said, adding that the Arab media must highlight the significance of such a strategy, so that the relations among Arab leaders become so strong as to reflect the strong bonds of brotherhood existing among their peoples.

The paper expressed pleasure over the Libyan-Tunisian reconciliation and hoped that the restoration of good bilateral relations would help the two countries to intensify their efforts, along with other Arab brethren, in serving the prime issue of the Arabs. The present situation does not allow the existence of rifts, as the Arabs have already suffered as a result of their differences, it said. The paper added that unity and solidarity are more necessary at a time when the Egyptian regime has been upon the issuing of Palestine to the enemy at insulting costs.

*Al Jadid* said in an editorial now that Israel has gained ground in Egypt, it will not be afraid of Egyptian threats. Israel will not care because it knows that Egypt is now suffering from complete isolation while the American effort to break the deadlock has also failed. It will therefore continue in its policy of establishing Jewish settlements on the Arab soil, said the paper.



The Israeli embassy in Cairo

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Businessmen of high repute, the traders and dignitaries who attended the inaugural function include: Sheikh Saad Al Mohammad Al Majail, Chairman of Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Eastern Province, Mr. Bakr Baghdady, Director of Commerce Office, Branch of Ministry of Commerce in Eastern Province, Mr. Mohammad Solaiman Al Mahana, Director General, King Abdul Aziz Port in Dammam, and Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Turki, Manager of Municipality, Dammam.



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Sheikh Abdulla Fouad, one of the partners in Tamimi & Fouad Foods Limited welcomed His Highness Prince Abdul Mohsin Bin Jalawy and expressed his thanks to His Highness for having graced the occasion with his presence and formally opening the Safeway Shopping Center.

Sheikh Abdulla Fouad explained in greater detail the aims and objectives of opening Safeway Centers and told that Tamimi & Fouad intends to cover main cities of the Kingdom by opening 10 such Safeway Centers. He happily pointed out that two have already been opened i.e. one at Al Khobar and the other at Dammam which is now being opened by His Highness and the third will be coming up in Riyadh towards the end of this year. He also made it clear that the remaining centers, by the grace of God, will be completed within the next 3 years.



He explained that Safeway Centers are being established keeping in view the international standards of marketing quality foods and other related goods. He was exceptionally pleased in pointing out that His Highness Prince Abdul Mohsin bin Jalawy's presence on this occasion is a source of inspiration and has inspired confidence in our efforts in developing the local market in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The basic aim is to seek prosperity, security, justice and peace for all the citizens by opening up employment and career opportunities for the coming generations.

We are very grateful to His Highness for having encouraged us and always look forward to seek his advice and guidance to improve upon our own efforts. In delineating the role of business-



men and traders as partners in progress and development, he reiterated that having full confidence in God, the businessmen and traders today can play a vital role in providing the best services of high quality and cater to the needs of all the people by providing high quality goods and services at reasonable prices. We will also ensure that we maintain a standard of honesty and shall make every effort to

comply with the demands of hygienic perfection. He reiterated forcefully that, God willing, by 1403 H, Tamimi & Fouad shall be completing their target of opening a chain of supermarket centers and that Tamimi & Fouad shall endeavour to continue their participation in the development process of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The opening of the Dammam Center was commemorated by the official cutting of the ribbon by His Highness, Abdul Mohsin bin Jalawy, Governor of the Eastern Province. His Highness congratulated Tamimi & Fouad for their outstanding efforts and contribution in providing exceptional, modern shopping



facilities for the people of the Eastern Province.

The center consists of 10 main sections providing easy access to 8000 food and non-food items, plants and fresh flowers, quick meals, fresh vegetables and fruits, dairy products, bakery and sweets, meat, cosmetics, painting, magazines, books and greeting cards, electric appliances, cameras, clothing and shoes, and many other items. His Highness the Prince showed his keen appreciation for the cleanliness displayed throughout the facility and the quality of the goods available.

The total area of the Center is 8,000 square meters. Highly sophisticated and most modern architectural frame covers, 6000 square meters and an open space of 2000 square meters has been provided to ensure parking facilities for the customers.

The overall inaugural ceremony was very impressive and the presence of the Governor of the Eastern Province and the dignitaries provided encouragement and by the help of God such Centers shall contribute toward the successful development of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia.

*For prime minister*

## Thai general leads political race

BANGKOK, Thailand, March 2 (AP) — General Prem Tinsulanond, a 59-year-old career military man who entered the political scene three years ago, emerged Sunday as the most likely man to become Thailand's next prime minister following announcements by major political groups that they would give him full support.

Major political and military leaders met and maneuvered over the weekend in an attempt to select a successor to Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomnan, who resigned last Friday.

Prem's chances of becoming the new government leader increased Sunday after the other two strong contenders for the post announced that they would clear the way for Prem if that was the desire of the parliament and the public.

Former Prime Minister Kunkrit Pramoj, a candidate for the post, told reporters that he would accept a nomination by his party, but that he believed the new prime minister should be a military man with support from all quarters.

Supreme Commander General Serm Na

Nakhon, also tipped for the prime minister post, is reported to have sent word to superior military officers that he will withdraw his nomination when parliament meets Monday to select a new prime minister.

Prem, who heads Thailand's army and holds the defense minister portfolio, is regarded as a popular figure among the young officers. However, his inexperience in politics has raised doubt about his ability to handle economic problems and Thailand's delicate foreign policies in the wake of war in neighboring Cambodia.

### Regarding Uganda peace-keepers

## Tanzanian soldiers called 'society's riff-raff'

KAMPALA, March 2 (AP) — A Western diplomat said discipline is poor among Tanzanian soldiers, who he described as young and "the riff-raff society."

Tanzanian officers concede that some of their men have robbed and murdered, but they say offenders are being disciplined. The number of Tanzanians on patrol in Kampala have been reduced, apparently to minimize

friction with the public, and some guard duties have been handed over to Ugandans.

Some Ugandans have urged President Binaisa to bring in a more neutral peacekeeping force but Binaisa says his requests for reinforcements from other Commonwealth countries has been ignored. Some Tanzanian officers, irritated by what they describe as "ungratefulness," say they would like

nothing better than to pull out.

A basic problem according to a Ugandan political theorist is that Ugandans did not have to unite to overthrow Amin, the Tanzanians did it themselves. However, local elections are scheduled for June, 1981. A new constitution is to be written, and once the democratic framework is complete, the Tanzanians plan to withdraw. Ready or not Uganda will face their problems alone.



ECONOMIC TALKS: Lazar Kolisevski, vice president of Yugoslavia's presidency, left, with Roy Jenkins, president of Common Market Commission during their talks in Yugoslavia to manifest EEC support to independent Yugoslavia.

### Government study reports

## Japan's population threatens social systems

TOKYO, March 2, (AP) — Japan's population is aging three to four times faster than any other industrialized nation, threatening the country's pension system with bankruptcy and putting several strains on the Japanese employment and medical systems.

Over one fourth of Japan's people will be past the present mandatory retirement age of 55 by 1985, according to government studies, and the number of people receiving pensions (13 million) will double in the next 20 years. Most pension payments now begin at age 60.

At the same time, Japanese life expectancy

continues to grow. It is now 73 for men and 78 for women, one of the world's highest. And a trend away from extended families is increasingly isolating many older people who normally would be cared for by their children.

"This will have a tremendous impact on our society," Sojit Tanaka, specialist in aging for the Ministry of Health and Welfare, said in an interview.

"The impact will be both social and economic, (but) especially economic. It will mean a tremendous budget for medical costs, since old people are more often sick, chroni-

cally sick. There's the need for nursing homes. We don't have enough now, especially in big cities," he said.

For most Japanese, problems begin at age 55 — retirement age at about half of all companies.

"Since the level of pension payments is low — about 30 percent of income for those over 55 — most retired people have to go to work," said Yasayuki Nodera of the Labor Ministry's employment stabilization bureau.

"The work is usually as a janitor or some other menial, dirty job."

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## Sihanouk condemns Pol Pot

LONG BEACH, California, March 2 (AP) — Cambodia's former ruler, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, arrived in southern California and reiterated his opposition to Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot at a meeting with more than 500 Cambodian refugees. "We are trying to get everybody together to fight the Vietnamese," said Lu Lay Seng, an official with the Cambodian Association of America, which is hosting Sihanouk on his visit here.

The prince, 57, refused to speak to reporters Saturday night, after arriving from Washington, D.C.

"First, the prince has made clear he won't work with Pol Pot," Lu said. Pol Pot, the leader of a regime ousted by the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin, is widely held to be responsible for rampant starvation and brutality which has devastated the southeast Asian country. Pol Pot's forces are still fighting the Vietnamese soldiers and Heng Samrin's.

"Three million people, that's enough," said Lu. "Sihanouk said he will no longer associate with Pol Pot, and if the breaks is promise, we (the Cambodian refugees in America) will no longer associate with Sihanouk."

Representatives of numerous Cambodian refugee groups assembled here this weekend from all over the United States to encourage Sihanouk in his campaign to offer an alternative to the current Vietnamese-dominated Phnom Penh regime.

## Oil workers join strike in California

LOS ANGELES, March 2, (AP) — Movement of goods in the huge Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor complex was halted as more than a dozen unions joined nationwide seven-week-old strike of Workers Union.

The two-port complex is the busiest on the U.S. Pacific coast.



Edward Kennedy



George Bush

## In Massachusetts primary Kennedy, Bush face big test

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R) — Edward Kennedy and George Bush, alarmed by the prospect of fading early in the U.S. presidential campaign, are energetically preparing for next Tuesday's primary in their home state of Massachusetts where they badly need strong wins.

But there are signs that aides are worried about their chances and activity in their camps has increased.

For Sen. Kennedy, the grim factor has loomed that some of his leading hometown politicians, members of the machine the Kennedys build on a foundation of Irish Catholic pride, have deserted him and endorsed President Carter.

On the national level, Sen. Kennedy

Saturday dismissed half his campaign staff

and launched a million dollar advertising

drive to improve his chances for the

democratic presidential nomination.

The cost-cutting and advertising decision marked a major effort by Sen. Kennedy to recover from his devastating defeat by President Carter in last Tuesday's New Hampshire primary.

## Fathered by Nobel prize winners

## Superbabies' scheme blasted

ESCONDIDO, California, March 2 (R) — A Stanford University geneticist, Luigi Kavalli-Sforza, warned that a scheme to create "Superbabies" fathered only by Nobel prize winners could lead to serious problems and said similar genetic speculation in the past has led to major tragedies.

Another scientist, Lee Ramin, a psychologist at Princeton University in New Jersey, dismissed the plan by California businessman Robert Graham and said there was little evidence to support the idea that genes were the main source of intelligence.

"It's crazy, people backed off of these ideas many years ago. The evidence is extremely weak at best that genes are the main source of intelligence. A lot more

scientific knowledge is needed on this subject," Ramin said.

The two were commenting on a project involving a special sperm bank for breeding highly intelligent babies which was reported by the Los Angeles Times.

Dr. Kavalli-Sforza, said, "Naive enthusiasm in this area has sometimes led to major tragedies. There can be serious problems in this kind of social manipulation."

"In the past similar projects have inevitably failed despite claims by some scientists that such ideas are scientifically possible," Kavalli-Sforza added.

He said sometimes even the most highly intelligent people have some bad genes which could be passed on to offspring.

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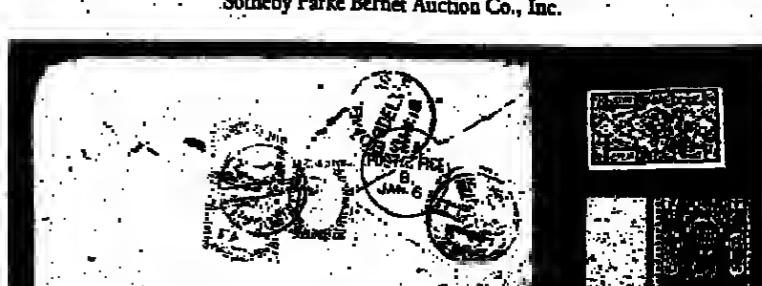
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*Makes indoor tennis finals***Connors eyes 3rd title**

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, March 2 (AP) — Third-seeded Jimmy Connors moved into the final of the \$250,000 U.S. National Indoor Tennis Championship by defeating off-bidder Harold Solomon 6-4, 6-3 Saturday afternoon.

Connors, who is looking for his third straight U.S. indoor title, will play the winner Saturday night's match between top-seeded John McEnroe and unseeded Bernie Becker of South Africa.

It took Connors only an hour and 15 minutes to eliminate Solomon. The fiery 18-year-old broke Solomon in the fifth game via the first set.

Solomon's serve deserted him in the second set. He held his serve only once in the

second set. His serve was sharp in the first set as Connors never managed to get as close as 150. In the second set, Solomon managed to break Connors in the fourth and eighth games, but it did little good.

On his march to the final, Connors lost only one set. As he did Saturday against Solomon, Connors beat John Sadri in straight sets Friday.

In Houston, Texas top-seeded Martina Navratilova played flawless tennis in the first

set but had to scramble in the second set

defeating fourth-seeded Woody Turnbull 6-2, 7-6 Saturday to gain the final of the \$150,000 women's pro tennis tournament.

Navratilova's opponent in Sunday night's championship final will be third-seeded Billie Jean King, who won a pressure-packed 7-6, 7-6 duel with eighth-seeded Greer Stevens of South Africa.

King, gaining her second championship final in as many weeks, trailed Stevens 5-3 in each set but thrived on the pressure and fought back to win each tie-breaker, 7-4.

"I've always liked pressure," King said. "Your pulse is pounding and your eyeballs are out of stems. Either you go out and you win it or you lose. You see if you have enough courage to try the right shot."

King averted two set points in the ninth game of the second set.

Navratilova showed why she has won 28 consecutive matches on the first set when she dominated Turnbull by winning the first 10 points of the match and breaking Turnbull in the first and third games.

In her 28-match winning streak, Navratilova has lost only two sets and been forced to tie-breaker only four times.

SINDELINGEN, West Germany, March 2 (AP) — Zofia Bielczyk tore up the track for world record of 7.7 seconds in the women's meter hurdles and her Polish countrywoman Weronika fought off a strong challenge by local favorite Christian Haas to win the men's 60-meter dash in a photo finish as athletes from East Europe dominated the day of the European Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday.

Even without the East German squad, largely regarded as second only to the U.S. in East Europeans won five of six finals. East Germany declined to participate in the championship came too late in the season when all their aces were already

**Lauer's best round nears Stephenson**

SUN CITY, Arizona, March 2 (AP) — Bonnie Lauer shot the round of her life Saturday but couldn't quite catch Jan Stephenson in the LPGA Sun City Classic.

What Lauer's best-ever round of 66 did was put the pressure on Stephenson, and she responded with a birdie at the 18 to break a tie and move into Sunday's final round at Hillcrest Golf Course with a 54-hole total of 12-under 204. That was a shot better than Lauer.

And still very much in the picture is Amy Alcott who shot a 67 to go 9-under and into third place by herself.

Stephenson, who complained about the pin placement after a Friday 71, and had said she let her emotions get away from her, was "extremely pleased" after Saturday's round, in which she carded six birdies and a second straight bogey on no. 10.

"See what happens when you have fair pins," she said, a wide smile spreading across her face. "Today, for once, I really controlled my emotions, started off very well and couldn't wait to get to the greens to shoot for birdies."

But while Lauer was just a stroke back, Stephenson said, "Amy (Alcott) is the one to watch. Anytime she's this close, she's very tough she just plays so well."

There is a cluster of six players six strokes off at 210. Barbara Barrow shot the best round of the six, a 67, while Patty Hayes, M.J. Smith of New Zealand, Laura Baugh-Dent, and Louise Bruce shot 68's. Sandra Palmer settled for a one-under 71.

Twenty-three other players stand at par or better for the 54 holes. One of them is pre-tournament favorite Nancy Lopez Melton, whose 70 Saturday left her at 1-under 215.

Meanwhile, heavy rains forced suspension of third-round play in the \$300,000 Bay Hill Classic Saturday in Orlando, Florida, with Dave Eichelberger and Dan Pohl tied for the lead at 7-under-par after 11 holes.

Close behind the leaders were Leonard Thompson, who was 6-under after 12, and Miller Barber, playing at 6-under after 10 holes.

**Riyadh tennis begins**

Special to Arab News

RIYADH, March 2 (AP) — Twelve matches were scheduled for the first day of the second annual Amateur tennis tournament at the Riyadh Inter-Continental Hotel Saturday. Only one match went beyond three sets. Four matches were won by default.

**Results were:**

Burqa boys All	64, 6-3
Shara boys Bantam	6-1, 6-4
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## Ocean treaty meetings begin at United Nations

UNITED NATIONS, March 2 (AP) — Delegates of the world's oceanside countries Monday begin weeks of meetings here and in Geneva in hopes of finishing a broad sea-law treaty that has been worked on intermittently since December 1973.

The treaty, as it is shaping up, would give oceanside countries territorial waters 12 miles (19.2 kms) offshore and exclusive economic zones stretching out to 200 miles (320 kms) offshore. It would let other countries fish in those zones under certain circumstances, and create an international seabed authority to regulate and participate in the mining of ocean-floor nodules rich in manganese, nickel, copper and cobalt.

### Gambia receives Arab Bank loan

BANJUL, March 2 (R) — Gambian minister of finance and trade Muhamudu Cadi Cham left Banjul Saturday for Sudan where a \$5 million loan agreement between his country and the Khartoum-based Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa will be signed on Tuesday, officials reported.

The loan will partly finance a new airport in the Gambian capital of Banjul, the officials said.

Cham, who will later go to Saudi Arabia to attend a meeting of the Islamic Development Bank, is expected to return home on March 10.

### Romania seeks gold

BELGRADE, March 2 (AP) — Romanians have been offered by their government partial payment in Western cash in return for their gold, silver and platinum.

The news agency Tanjug said the offer to Romanians was included a decree by President Nicolae Ceausescu setting the purchase price for gold, silver and platinum.

The decree, Tanjug said, offered Romanians 10 per cent of the payment for gold jewelry and similar items in convertible cash.

### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.38	3.38
Pound Sterling	7.65	7.70	7.68
Deutsche Mark (100)	193.00	192.50	190.50
Swiss F (100)	201.00	202.00	198.50
French F (100)	81.00	81.50	81.60
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	40.50	41.40
Lebanese Lira (100)	102.00	101.40	
Syrian Lira (100)	79.50	86.60	
Egyptian Pound	4.45	4.50	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.40	12.37	
Jordanian Dinar	11.48	11.42	
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.30	
Qatari Riyal (100)	91.90	91.80	
Bahraini Dinar	25.00	—	
Iranian Riyal (100)	10.25	—	
Iraqi Dinar (100)	74.20	74.10	
Yemeni Riyal (100)	85.00	90.75	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	42.20	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	46.00	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	1.58	
Gold kg.	69,000.00	7,965.00	
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Silver kg.	—	—	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.50	—	
Canadian Dollar	2.91	—	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	117.00	—	
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	173.00	173.50	
Spanish Peso	51.00	51.00	
Greek Drachma (1,000)	82.50	—	
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	46.00	
Singapore	—	1.58	

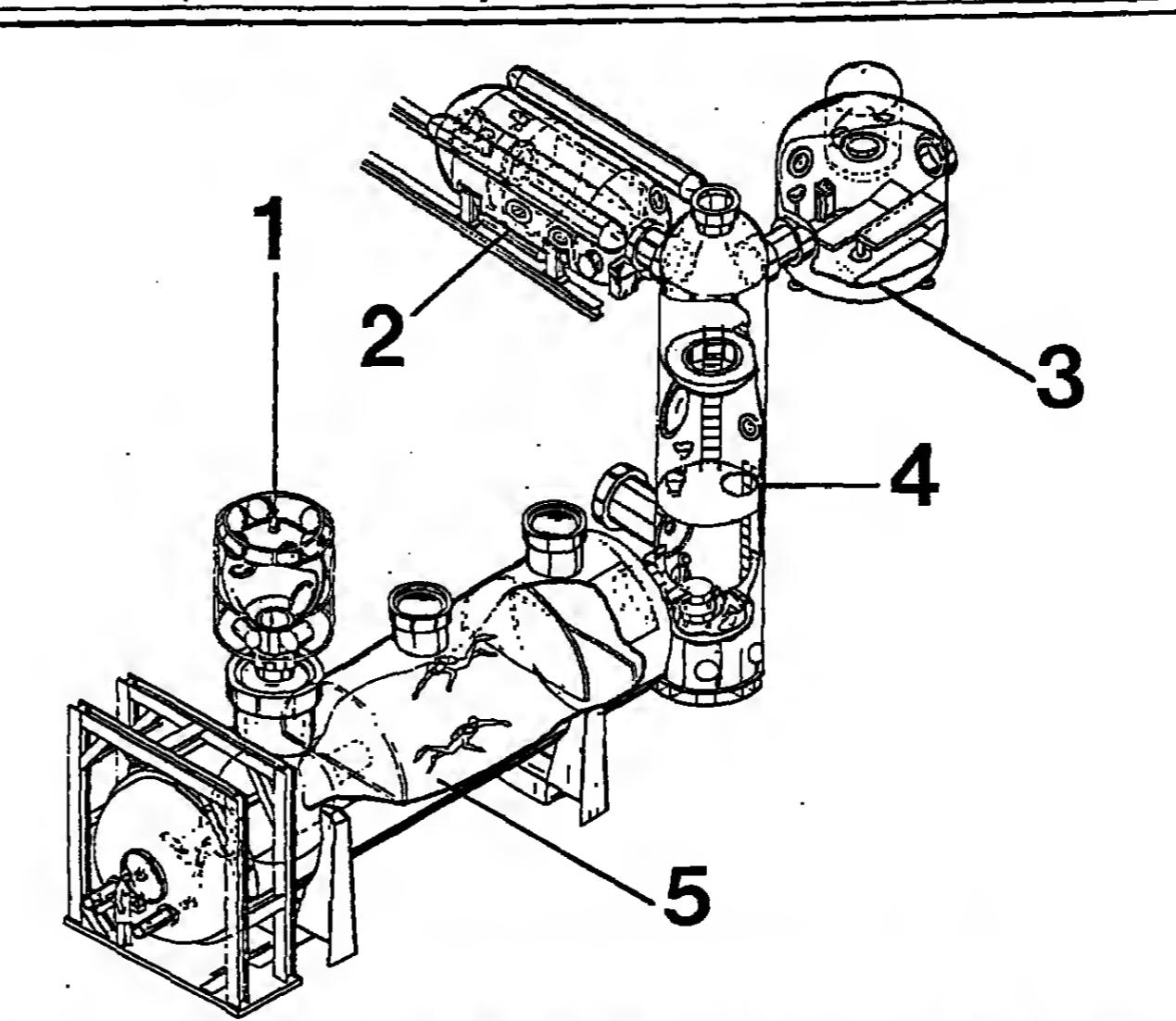
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7.	Phaedon II	Baaboud	Bag. Cargo	21.20
9.	Playa Blanca	Gulf	Reefar	28.20
10.	Yannis Nikolas	Ori	Bag. Barley	29.20
14.	Ibn Sina	Kanoo	General	29.20
15.	Wild Avocat	O.C.E.	Reefar	29.20
16.	Hadeelah Crown	A.E.T.	General	13.80
18.	Iranian Carrier	Roleco	Bulk Cement	23.80
19.	Ummarmo	Alsaiba	Bulk Cement	28.20
25.	Saudi Star	O.Trada	General	13.80
27.	Barber Tonsberg	Barber	General Ro Ro	13.80
28.	Reefer Giulia	Star	Reefar	13.80
30.	Christina Isabel	Star	Containers/Gen.	28.20
35.	Asian Mission	Kanon	Containers	13.80
36.	Asian Mission	Alsaiba	Reefar	25.20
40.	Imperia	Star	Barley	29.20
42.	Lafertis II	Alpha	—	—

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Houda Star	Alwani	Tiles	13.80
Reefer Giulia	Star	Reefer/General	13.80
Hadeelah Crown	A.E.T.	Containers	13.80
Asian Mission	Alsaiba	Containers	13.80
Barber Tonaberg	Barber	Containers/Oil	13.80
Susia 'U'	O.C.E.	Reefer	13.80
Carl Everett	Roleco	Bulk Cement	23.80
Iranian Carrier	O.C.E.	Contri/Gen/Sta	23.80
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Phrontis	Alasada	Bagged Barley	23.80
Elli 2	Baaboud	Durra	23.80
Sea Star	Red Sea	General	23.80
Gina	O.C.E.	Citrus Fruits	23.80
Mar Cadiz	Star	Fruits	23.80
Possat Universal	Sindi	Comrs.	23.80
Astir	Sindi	Govt. Cargo	23.80
Charles Schiaffin	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	23.80



UNDERWATER LAND: An underwater simulator, called GUSI, is under construction in Gernsheim, West Germany. It can simulate depths of up to 1,000 meters for manned and unmanned diving experiments. GUSI consists of a diving chamber (1), a rescue chamber (2), a medical treatment chamber (3), a central chamber (4), and an underwater experiment chamber (5). The construction is scheduled to be finished about the middle of 1982.

### OPEC decides such questions

## Kuwait rules out selling oil at fixed prices

There were speculations in recent months that the cornerstone of a proposed Gulf-EEC dialogue co-sponsored by Kuwait and France was selling oil at somewhat fixed prices under long term contracts in exchange for Western European technology and political support to the Arab cause.

"Such questions cannot be decided by Gulf oil producers alone, as oil prices are decided by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries as a whole," he told French journalists accompanying President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

The French President arrived in Kuwait Saturday on the first leg of a six nation tour of the area designed to strengthen France's political and economic ties with the Arab world. Oil is one of the main topics on Giscard d'Estaing's agenda.

Asked if the Gulf states expected military aid from European countries to protect their

security, the minister said: "We do not expect such assistance and we do not welcome it."

## Budget cuts ordered in all U.S. agencies

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R) — Government officials, under White House orders to come up with budget cuts by Monday, worked through the weekend in a major Carter administration attempt to halt soaring inflation.

The heads of all major federal agencies were given targets for budget reductions and ordered to report in ways to achieve them, government sources said.

President Carter's \$616 billion budget for 1981, submitted in January, provided for a deficit of nearly \$16 billion.

Carter's Press Secretary Jody Powell, described the budget review as thorough and extensive. It came amid predictions that a recession may not be far off.

Carter spent the weekend at Camp David and a spokesman could not say whether he was consulting his economic advisors.

Government, Congressional and business leaders have been summoned to the White House in recent days and Powell said Carter was attempting to build a broad consensus for new economic policies.

Leading Republicans in the House of Representatives said Carter should submit a balanced budget within 10 days.

"If not checked immediately, inflation will cause such erosion in our public and private institutions that our economic system, as we know it, will be unable to survive," they said in a letter to the president.

Senior military officers have already told Congressmen, however, that the armed forces will need substantial increases over the \$146.2 billion defense budget proposed for the financial year beginning on Oct. 1.

Powell reiterated that the president would not impose mandatory wage and price controls to fight inflation, now running at an annual rate of 18 per cent.

### Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Al-Mezneb	Permanent asphalting, paving and lighting of roads	10/31/1D	1000	March 18
Municipality of Al-Majma'ah	Maintenance of electric poles	1	Free	March 18
" "	Sinking of a tubewell in the municipal park	2	Free	March 18
Ministry of Communications	Asphalting of a 35-Km. long road stretch between Al-Birk and Wadi Tar'ah	500	March 25	
Saudi Arabian Airlines	Supply of a mobile radio-unit at Jeddah's new International airport	3/80	March 15	
Municipality of Jeddah	Construction of a fence around the sheep market	28	300	April 6
" "	Wired fencing around the municipal nursery	29	300	May 6

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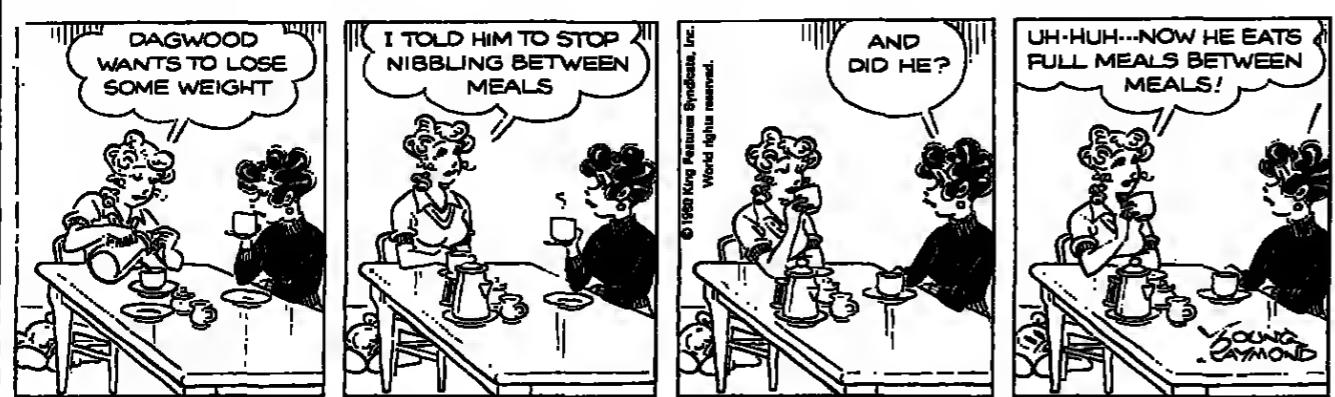
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## Bidding Quiz

You are South and the bidding has gone:

North East South West  
1.0 Pass 1.0 Pass  
2.0 Pass 2.0 Pass  
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What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♦ KQJ9 ♦ KJ82 ♦ 73 ♦ AJ6  
2. ♦ K873 ♦ AJ54 ♦ — ♦ JT62  
3. ♦ AQ86 ♦ AJ55 ♦ QJ73 ♦ 10  
4. ♦ AKJ82 ♦ KQ73 ♦ 6 ♦ A73

1. Three notrump. The moment your partner opens the bidding you should treat this as a game-going hand. The only problem is to find the best contract. Your first two responses were directed toward locating a major suit fit; partner could have held either four spades or four clubs.

2. Three clubs. You have a good chance for a slam here also — this time in spades. But once again you should not make the first decision yourself. North might have values where you don't need them, and Jack values where you do need them, in which case a slam could work out very poorly. You therefore consult partner by making a cuebid in clubs.

3. Three diamonds. You have a good chance for a slam here also — this time in spades. But once again you should not make the first decision yourself. North might have values where you don't need them, and Jack values where you do need them, in which case a slam could work out very poorly. You therefore consult partner by making a cuebid in clubs.

4. Three spades. You have a good chance for a slam here also — this time in spades. But once again you should not make the first decision yourself. North might have values where you don't need them, and Jack values where you do need them, in which case a slam could work out very poorly. You therefore consult partner by making a cuebid in clubs.

How far you go depends on what partner does next. North will know from your cuebid that you are angling for a spade slam, and he will presumably react accordingly. If he shows a lack of interest by bidding either three diamonds or three notrump, you will have to settle for only a game in spades. But if North cooperates by making a part-score contract.

5. Five diamonds. Despise your partner's discouraging rebids of two diamonds and two spades, there is still a chance for a slam in spades.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

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23 German river

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27 "Wuthering

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31 French

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32 Duke

33 London born

34 Join forces

36 Party

poopers

42 Banshee

43 Eagle's nest

44 William

Race —

45 Unexpected

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4 U.S. air

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Saturday's Answer

22 Scott

25 Insect

26 Network

28 Street gang

37 English

38 Italian

39 Word with

40 Amet. Sp.

41 Ready to roll

## SLOPE

ABIDES

CLOUDS

DIVERS

ENCLOSURE

FROG

GARAGE

ACTION

CRAZ

CHEAT

GRIPPE

HIT

TREATY

HABRA

ASS

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HOTLINE

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AIRTON

ELAND

BIRRA

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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

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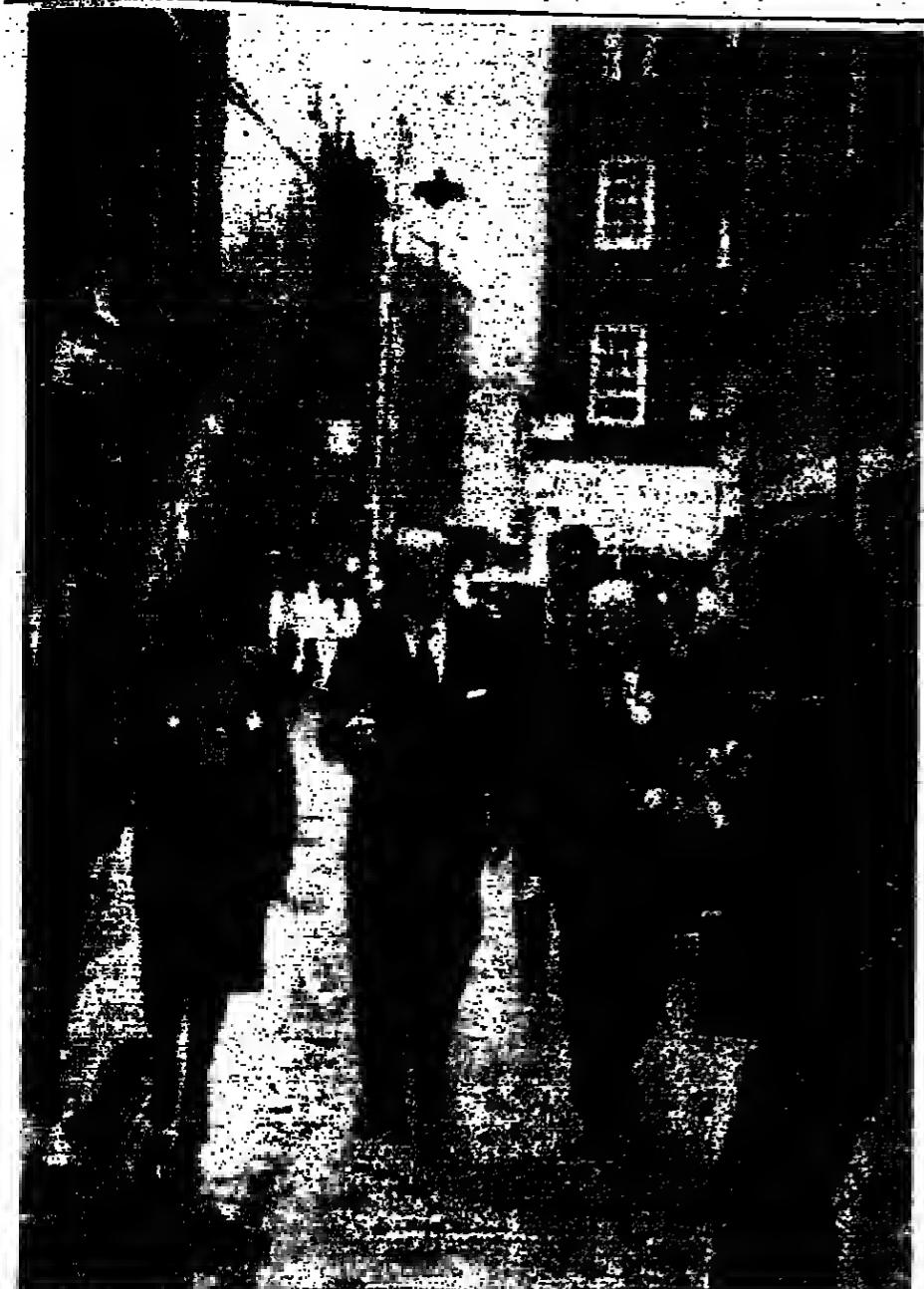
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## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

## PRAYER TIMES

MONDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Melcca	5:28 6:45	12:40	4:02	6:29	7:59	
Medina	5:30 6:45	12:42	4:02	6:28	7:58	
Nejd	4:58 5:17	12:10	3:30	5:57	7:27	</



## Royal Duties

Prince Philip, at left, inspects a new housing block in Soho and his son Prince Charles, at right, attends the funeral of Sir Barnes Wallis, the inventor of 'bouncing bomb.'



## Kramer vs. Kramer



Dustin Hoffman and Justin Henry in a scene from a new film about a parents fighting over custody of their child. The two have been nominated for Academy Awards.

Prince Andrew steps aboard the HMS Hermes where he is to undergo three weeks of training as a midshipman.



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International

Panel's access to hostages unresolved

## Strengthened Khomeini leaving clinic

TEHRAN, March 2 (R) — Ayatollah Khomeini, sounding strong and lucid, said Sunday he was leaving the hospital where he has been treated for five weeks for a heart condition.

The 79-year-old Iranian revolutionary leader addressed a crowd of hospital workers gathered under his bedroom balcony. He did not say when he would leave the Mehdi Rezate Heart Clinic which he entered with a minor heart ailment on Jan. 23. Officials at his hospital office said no date had been fixed.

But the head of the medical team treating

him, Dr. Hassan Arefi, said Khomeini would leave the hospital soon for a new home in Tehran.

The ayatollah made another call for national unity and advised Iranians to vote for faithful Muslims in this month's parliamentary elections. His five minute speech, referring to several current events, was broadcast on state radio in an apparent attempt to reassure the populace that his health had improved.

Khomeini said his doctors had taken care of him "like a son looking after his

father." He repeated a phrase which caused a flood of anxious telephone inquiries to the hospital switchboard three weeks ago, saying: "Now that I am in the last days of my life." But the words seemed unlikely to cause renewed panic as the ayatollah's voice was strong and his message reassuring.

Speaking on elections for Iran's Islamic assembly, which begin on March 14, the ayatollah said: "Under the devilish (Shah's) regime, there were no elections and all the affairs were run in a diabolical way.

"Now we have an Islamic republic and the Parliament will be an Islamic assembly and all our morality should be Islamic. So I ask you to elect people who are committed to Islam and are neither Eastern or Western."

Khomeini said that he hoped the parliamentary vote was the last step which Iran needed to take in order to achieve stability "and get rid of strangulation and pressure forever."

Tracing the ideal qualifications for parliamentary candidates, the ayatollah said they should be "morally irreproachable, faithful to Islam and servants of the nation."

Tehran newspapers carried reports two weeks ago that Khomeini was about to be discharged from the hospital and would move to a house near the north Tehran clinic, but his doctors described the stories as unfounded. They have also denied one report that the ayatollah would settle in an apartment inside the hospital grounds.

Khomeini made no reference in Sunday's speech to the United Nations commission investigating the alleged crimes of the former Shah who are in Tehran at present.

He issued a statement urging Iranians to present their evidence and grievances to the commission just before the five-man U.N. group arrived in Iran last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh held unscheduled talks with the co-chairman of the United Nations commission early Sunday, suggesting a possible breakthrough in the commission's efforts to see the American hostages.

Spokesman for the other two leading candidates, Bishop Abel Muzorewa and Joshua Nkomo, said such activities forced them to reserve their position on whether they regarded the election as free and fair.

Lord Christopher Soames, the governor who restored British rule Dec. 12 after 15 years of rebellion by the former white minority government, is expected to confer with the leaders of the nine contending parties whose results are known Tuesday.

Zvobgo said only one ballot box had been found with a seal broken when they were collected at provincial centers around the country Saturday. He declined to give any details.

## Doctors say Tito's heart weaker

BELGRADE, March 2, (R) — The condition of President Josip Broz Tito, further deteriorated Saturday night, and his heart became weaker, his doctors said Sunday.

A medical bulletin said that the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader was undergoing all necessary measures of intensive treatment at the main hospital in the northern city of Ljubljana.

The president is suffering from pneumonia, heart troubles, kidney failure and internal bleeding.

The bulletin, issued by his panel of eight medical professors said: "In the course of the past night there was a further deterioration of the general state of health of President of the

Republic Josip Broz Tito, particularly a further weakening of the heart. The necessary measures of intensive treatment are continuing."

Tito went into a steep physical decline exactly three weeks ago, following the failure on Jan. 20 of a bypass operation to ease a severe circulatory problem and subsequent development of gangrene which threatened his life.

Later, his doctors reported that his heart had shown signs of weakness, made worse by disturbances of the cardiac rhythm. Official sources said that the president appeared to be on the verge of death last week, and it seemed that he could not hold out for long despite his will to resist.

The unexpected move followed a slow day in which the panel's request to see the 49 captives, who have been held by militant students at the U.S. embassy since Nov. 4, appeared stalled over problems of detail.

The students declined all comment on a possible U.N. visit, but they appeared to have dropped their blunt refusal of earlier this week to allow the commission members into the occupied mission at all.

Asked whether Ghotbzadeh's visit had improved the commission's chances of seeing the Americans, Sambar replied: "We should wait and see. The commission has always said it expects to see them."



VICTIMS' AUTOGRAPHS: Samir Sambar, left, U.N. spokesman for the commission investigating the alleged crimes of the Shah of Iran, presents members with a cloth marked with the names of the disabled who testified at hearings last week. Seated are, from left, Edmond Louis Pettidi of France, Adib Daoudi of Syria and Mohamed Bedjaoui of Algeria.

### On fate of 41 hostages

## Bogota negotiations begin

BOGOTA, March 2 (Agencies) — Negotiations began Sunday morning between representatives of the government and guerrillas holding as many as 41 hostages in the embassy of the Dominican Republic.

Four negotiators, two from the Colombian foreign ministry and two representing the guerrillas, climbed into a windowless Red Cross panel truck at 9:22 a.m. about a block away from and directly in front of the embassy.

The government identified its negotiators as two deputy foreign ministers, Ramiro Sombrano and Camilo Jimenez.

Reporters at the scene said the guerrillas were represented by what appeared to be a woman dressed in a green jacket and wearing

a white, full-length face mask and a man, who Colombian journalists believed was Mexican Ambassador Ricardo Galan, who has been held hostage with the other diplomats for four days.

The four negotiators stood in line behind the van for about three minutes before entering the vehicle from its rear doors. Reporters watching a block away said about 20 well-armed soldiers were out of sight of the van around a corner of a nearby street. At least one chair and a table were visible from the open door of the panel truck as it backed into the cul de sac where the embassy is located.

The vehicle was within firing-range of guerrilla and military sharpshooters.

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The prince reaffirmed that Saudi Arabia would continue striving to keep the Arabian peninsula and the Middle East out of international disputes.

No American official has ever approached Saudi Arabian officials on the subject of providing military bases, the prince said, adding that the Kingdom's policy on this issue is explicit.

He reiterated that the correct alternative for the Arab cause was solidarity, unity, self-reliance and objective sincerity.

Prince Saud said relations between the Kingdom and Iran continue to be good and hoped they will grow further. This is necessitated by a common faith and destiny of the two countries, he added. The prince said he looked forward to a visit to Iran to exchange views and opinions on matters of mutual concern.

He also expressed hope that the Lebanese people would be able to achieve unity in the interest of their country and the Arab nation as a whole.

Good Morning  
By Jibad Khazan

A man I knew had had a yearning all his life to become a doctor. But since the family was poor, he had to break his education early to make a living and help out. He got married and worked hard raising his own family. But that dream remained, and he did his utmost to persuade his firstborn to take it up; which the lad duly did.

The man was always poor. The whole family had to scrimp and save so that the young man could go through medical school. The education of the younger son was neglected, and he soon quit and became a plumber. The elder went on, and in due course graduated with a good degree from a noted medical school "out West." He came back home, and opened up a small practice in a smart neighborhood. (Again, his father's and the rest of the family's savings.) The father felt that he had won his lifelong fight. At last there was a doctor in the family — what mattered it wasn't he himself who had made it but his son? After all, this is his flesh and blood.

Life went on, and the man was soon old enough to retire — he had worked hard, and the kids had grown up. But the pension was small, and he had to turn to his sons for help. After all the sacrifices, he felt, he could surely presume to end his days with some ease.

Gathering his courage one day — he had always found the son who became a doctor slightly intimidating — he went to the son's surgery. Everything shone there, from the furniture to the receptionist. His son came out proudly to show him around. He told him that he was doing very well indeed: that he was a fashionable doctor in a fashionable part of town; that it was all due to the old man's sacrifices which he, the young man, will never forget. The old man was moved at first, but then thought, "The S.O.B. is being too sincere." "How about some money, son," he said. "You know I have retired, and that your mother and I need some comfort for our old age."

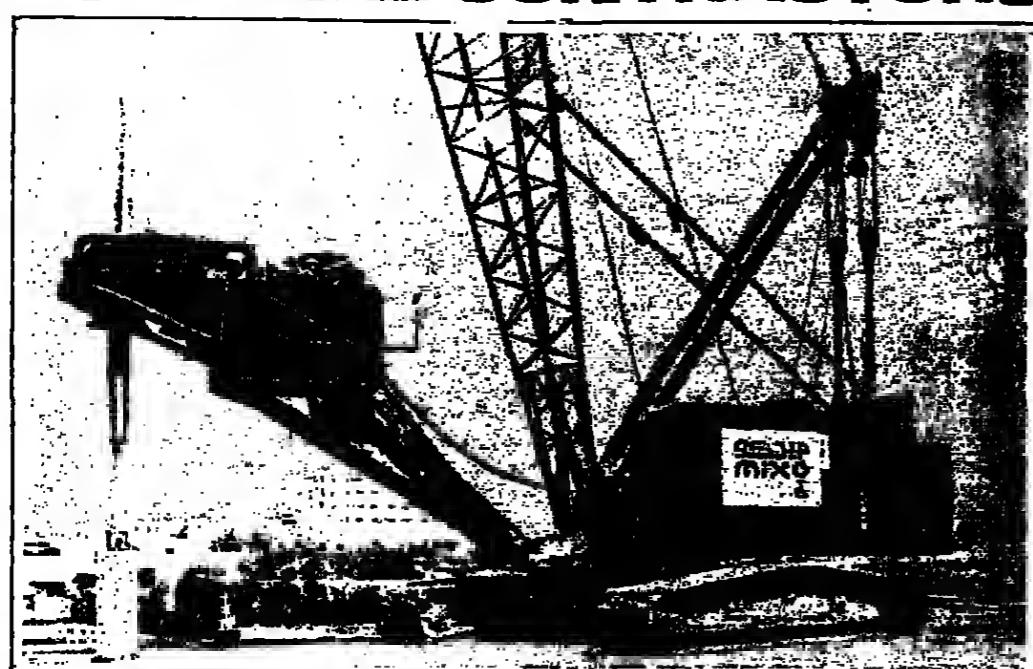
"Father," said the unfeeling young man. "I wouldn't dream of touching your retirement money. After all you and my dear family have done for me ... Anyway, I'm now beginning to break even, so please don't worry about me ..." The old man left in disgust.

As he arrived home, tired and angry, he saw the other son waiting for him. "Father," he said, "I just beard of your retirement, and came immediately ..." Ah, thought the old man, much moved. Here is the one I neglected to come to commiserate with me in my old age, offering to share his modest fortune with his mother and me. No such luck of course.

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